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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7892

BILL NUMBER: HB 1818

DATE PREPARED: Jan 13, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Composition of Tax Court.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

STATE IMPACT	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		1,033,466	862,466
Net Increase (Decrease)		(1,033,466)	(862,466)

Summary of Legislation: This bill adds two judges to the Tax Court. It provides for a chief judge of the Tax Court. It requires decisions of the Tax Court to be joined in by at least two judges of the Tax Court. It also makes related changes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The total estimated costs of adding two judges to the Indiana Tax Court are \$1,033,466 for FY 2002 and \$862,466 for FY 2003. Expenditure details are presented in the following table.

	Per Judge	FY 2002	FY 2003
Salaries	\$110,000		
Annual Subsistence Allowance	\$3,000		
Fringe Benefits (37% of Salaries)	\$40,700		
Health, Vision, and Dental Insurance	\$6,033		
Total Cost per Judge	\$159,733	\$319,466	\$319,466
Law Clerks (3 Clerks per Justice @ \$48,000 per Clerk)	\$144,000		
Fringe Benefits (18.16% of Salary)	\$29,008		
Health, Vision, and Dental Insurance	\$18,801		
Total Cost per Judge	\$191,809	\$383,617	\$383,617
Administrator (1 Administrator per Judge)	\$34,000		
Fringe Benefits (18.16% of Salary)	\$6,174		
Health, Vision, and Dental Insurance	\$6,267		
Total Cost per Judge	\$46,441	\$92,883	\$92,883
Judicial Nominating Commission (4 Meetings in FY 2002 at \$1,250 per Meeting)		\$5,000	
Travel and Education Expenses per Justice	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Initial Start-up for Furniture and Computers	\$35,000	\$70,000	
Start-up Costs for a Law Library	\$35,000	\$70,000	\$4,000
Added Subsistence Allowance for Chief Judge of Tax Court		\$2,500	\$2,500
Furnishing an Automobile (assume \$15,000 for each judge)	\$30,000	\$30,000	
Rent	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Total Cost		<u><u>\$1,033,466</u></u>	<u><u>\$862,466</u></u>

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Tax Court.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Thomas Fisher, Indiana Tax Court.